

Meeting Minutes – Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Indiana Government Center South – Conference Room 18

302 West Washington Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Voting Members Present:

John Boyd, Jr., Kenneth “Lone Eagle” Eagle, Tracy Locke, Erin Oliver, Shannon Marie-Turner, Nathan Underwood, John P. Warren, Sarah Ancel (CHE), Cameron Clark (DNR), David Liebel (DOC), Brittney Sanders (ISDH), Brenda Summers (DWD), and Dr. John Wernert (FSSA)

Non-Voting Members Present:

State Representative Dan Leonard

Staff Present:

Jamal L. Smith (ICRC), Brad Meadows (ICRC) and Pam Cook (ICRC)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by John Warren, Chair and Spiritual Leader for the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC). With 13 voting members present the meeting established quorum.

Invocation:

John P. Warren, Chairman and Spiritual Leader, offered an invocation.

Introduction:

Jamal L. Smith, Executive Director for the ICRC, explained the role of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Per code IC-4-23-32-6 the ICRC provides staff and administrative support for the INAIAC. Mr. Smith explained the code then had Pam Cook, Chief Financial Officer for the ICRC; provide an overview of the budget. Jamal then had Brad Meadows, Deputy Director for External Affairs for the ICRC; provide an overview of the support provided by him and his staff. The support provided by Mr. Meadows and his staff includes media relations, website, outreach and other auxiliary support as needed by the INAIAC.

Review INAIAC By-Laws:

Chairman Warren requested members of the commission to review the INAIAC’s by-laws prior to the next commission meeting. He requested members of the commission to provide any proposed changes to these by-laws prior to the next commission meeting. At the next commission meeting these proposed changes will be discussed.

Public Comments:

George Strack commented that according to IC 4-23-32-2 members appointed by the Governor to the INAIAC should be members of federally recognized tribes. Chairman Warren said the INAIAC would review the federal laws cited in IC 4-23-32-2 and work with the ICRC to provide an answer to Mr. Strack after the meeting. Jeremy Turner reiterated the comments made by Mr. Strack. Mr. Strack and Mr. Turner also stated they were very pleased the INAIAC is meeting again. Chief Brian Buchanan also shared that he is pleased that the INAIAC was once again meeting. Kerry Steiner offered the resources of the American Indian Center to help the INAIAC reach the Native American community in Indiana.

Commission Member Comments:

Mr. Liebel (DOC) requested a glossary of terms to help better digest IC 4-23-32. Ms. Ancel (CHE) requested that the INAIAC begin their strategic planning process at the next meeting. Ms. Sanders (ISDH) requested statistical information on the Native American Indian community in Indiana be made available. Mr. Boyd requested that the Department of Veterans Affairs be invited to the next meeting.

Election of Officers:

Rep. Leonard asked the INAIAC whether they wished to vote on the vice-chair and secretary at this meeting or the next meeting. The commission members unanimously decided to hold off on the election of officers until the next commission meeting.

Adjournment:

As there was no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.